



WOODINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2021

Senior College Presentation





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Today we will cover:

- Options after High School
- How to Apply to College
- ACT and SAT testing/holistic review
- College Essay info
- Naviance
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Requesting a Transcript
 - High School and Beyond Plan
- Scholarships and FAFSA





Now is a great time to start thinking about your Post Graduation Plan!

Some common options:

- Community College, Technical College
- 4 Year University
- Military
- Workforce
- Travel/personal enrichment/volunteer (known as a GAP year)





Thinking about college?

Resources for Narrowing Down your College List:

- Supermatch through your Naviance Account
- Niche.com
- Bigfuture.collegeboard.org

Can't visit the campus in person??? Here are some options for virtual tours!

- Campustours.com
- Visit College websites for virtual tours of their campuses





What are colleges looking for in an application?

Many schools are moving to a “testing-optional” status this year and using a holistic review of applications.

What is a “holistic review” of a college application?

- Rigor: strong level of academic achievement demonstrated by grades
- Taking advantage of College Prep courses (AP, CHS)
- Taking full advantage of senior year
- Demonstrating a positive grade trend

Review your college websites for school specific expectations.
Some schools are not requiring standardized scores at all.

Application Platforms



Apply Directly to
the University

common
app



Coalition

Applying Directly To A University



Some schools have their own application process through their website.

Some examples of schools who use their own application process:

- Washington State University
- Western Washington University
- Central Washington University
- Eastern Washington University
- University of California system
- California State University System
- University of Arizona
- Northern Arizona University
- Arizona State University (also uses Common App and Coalition to apply)
- Boise State University

Some schools will use their own platform but will also have ways to apply via Common Application and/or Coalition. Choose which platform works best for you, especially if many of your colleges use the same platform.



Key Points about Common App

Website: www.commonapp.org

- 800+ Schools use the Common Application
- Common App Essay Prompts + Individual Schools may have their own set of questions
- Everything can be organized in one place
- Create a main profile where you only have to fill out info once + add supplemental info required by individual schools



Key Points about Coalition



Website: Coalitionforcollegeaccess.org

- The word “coalition” in the name refers to the group of about 95 universities, including all the Ivy League schools, Stanford, and many prestigious private and public universities that created this new application
- Intent of this app was to diversify applicant pool
- Has own set of Essay Prompts
- Colleges such as the University of Washington use Coalition

Early Decision

vs

Early Action



ED - Binding

- ▶ Apply early to only one school
- ▶ Receive decision by December
- ▶ Commit to that college
- ▶ Receive financial aid package
- ▶ Apply to other colleges under regular admission plans
- ▶ Withdraw all other applications if accepted

EA - Non-Binding

- ▶ Apply early
- ▶ Receive a decision by Jan or Feb
- ▶ Do not have to commit upon decision
- ▶ Apply to other colleges under regular admission plans

There are typically three ways to apply to colleges: Regular Decision, Early Decision and Early Action. ED and EA program specifics vary, so students should get information as soon as possible directly from the admission staff at their first-choice college. Early Decision and Early Action deadlines usually are in the fall. Please make sure to read about all of the expectations on the college website when applying Early Action or Early Decision.



College Essay

The majority of colleges, especially those using Common Application and Coalition, will require that you submit an essay as a part of the application process.

- Familiarize yourself with the essay prompts and start composing them if you haven't already!
- Essay prompts may vary amongst schools not using the Common App or Coalition website. Make sure to take a look at their specific websites for further details.
- We recommend asking for teacher/counselor feedback on your essay prior to submission.

The next two slides will give you examples of the Essay prompts that are used by the Common Application and Coalition.

Common Application Essay Prompts



The 2020-2021 Common Application Essay Prompts are as follows:

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

Coalition Essay Prompts



1. Tell a story from your life, describing an experience that either demonstrates your character or helped to shape it.
2. Describe a time when you made a meaningful contribution to others in which the greater good was your focus. Discuss the challenges and rewards of making your contribution.
3. Has there been a time when you've had a long-cherished or accepted belief challenged? How did you respond? How did the challenge affect your beliefs?
4. What is the hardest part of being a student now? What's the best part? What advice would you give a younger sibling or friend (assuming they would listen to you)?
5. Submit an essay on a topic of your choice.

Coalitionforcollegeaccess.org

Letters of Recommendation



Some schools ask for Letters of Recommendation (LOR) from a counselor and/or teacher(s). These letters speak to your academic skills and character.

**WOODINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL -
Letter of Recommendation Form**
Must be submitted 14 School Days Prior to Application Deadline

Name: _____ Student #: _____ Email: _____ Cell: _____

_____ Today's Date _____ First Deadline _____ SAT _____ ACT _____ CUM GPA _____

_____ I DO waive my rights to view the "Letter of Recommendation" and I understand any information disclosed in this form may be used in the "LOR" to colleges and/or scholarship committees.

_____ I do NOT waive my rights to view the "Letter of Recommendation"

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Please include questions with your answers on a separate sheet.

1. Please provide three adjectives teachers would use and explain their importance.
2. What are three personal strengths? How have they helped you?
3. What awards have you received during your high school years?
4. Share three things of which you are proud.
5. Share three things that would surprise me about you.
6. Describe the activities you have participated in?
7. How have you contributed positively to your community?
8. Describe the community service and/or jobs you have held.
9. Describe yourself as a learner and speak to your potential as a scholar.
10. What career and/or major will you pursue and experiences you've had in that field?
11. Describe a unique experience that had an impact on your life.
12. What do you hope I will mention in this recommendation?

Bring a copy of this "Letter of Recommendation Form" to Counselor and/or teachers.
Packet should include the following:

- 1) This form - with information provided and waiver signed
- 2) Answers to the above questions
- 3) Resume (Recommended)
- 4) College Essay (Recommended)
- 5) Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) - If your college requires MAILING your letter please provide SASE for each request. Counselor/Teacher will mail letter straight to your college using the SASE you provide for each school. This does not apply to Common Application Schools.

If you have any questions, please see your counselor.

Letters of Recommendation (con't)



Counselor's LOR:

- First look: does your college require a Counselor LOR?
- Yes? Ask your counselor for a Letter of Recommendation Form
- Waiving your rights makes your letter of recommendation more authentic
- Please give us 2 weeks notice, prior to an application deadline, to complete your letter.

Teacher's LOR:

- Diversify content area (i.e.: pick an English and Math teacher, or a Science or History teacher, especially if pursuing those fields as majors)
- Ask teachers who know you best
- Ask early! some teachers have a cap as to how many students they write letters for
- Please give teachers a 2-3 week advance notice (at least) before your first deadline
- Make sure to say thank you!

Naviance is your Go-To Resource



You can now access Naviance via Clever!

Use Naviance to access the following:

- Letter of Rec form
- Request Transcripts
- Complete your High School and Beyond Plan
- And more!

Learning Resources (District)



i-Ready



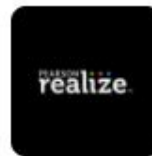
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Staff



Pearson
SuccessNet



Pearson
Realize



Turnitin



WELNET



Naviance

Click "Naviance"

Where can I find the LOR in Naviance?



Step 1:

Scroll down
to bottom
left of home
page



Resources to get ready

 [Document Resources](#)

Step 2:
Click on
CLASS of
2021

Documents Shared With Everyone

Click on a folder to see document resources shared with everyone.

Folder	Files	Sizes	Action
CLASS OF 2020		814.75 KB	VIEW
CLASS OF 2021		186.37 KB	VIEW
CLASS OF 2022	-	0 B	VIEW



Documents Counselors have shared with you in Naviance: (Documents Library)

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WHS School Profile 2020-2021.pdf	WHS School Profile 2020-21	Scott Churchill	PDF	68 KB	Oct 1, 2020 4:17 PM	VIEW
Questions to Ask College Reps.pdf	Questions for College Reps	Scott Churchill	PDF	79.86 KB	Sep 28, 2020 2:10 PM	VIEW
LOR 2020-2021.doc	Letter of Recommendation Form	Kate Miller	ATT	38.5 KB	Jun 24, 2020 1:46 PM	VIEW



Requesting a Transcript

From your Naviance home page...

Welcome, Demo Churchill!


Search for Colleges ▼


Welcome Falcons

Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year

[Read more](#)

My Favorites

 COLLEGES
[I'm thinking about](#)

 COLLEGES
[I'm applying to](#)

Click "I'm applying to"

Requesting a Transcript



Colleges I'm applying to

Search for colleges

✓ Your Common App account has been matched.

Your FERPA status is not waived. You're ready to apply to colleges using Common App.

Click here to add a college



✦ = extended profile available

+ REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS REMOVE



Requesting a Transcript



 Cancel

Add New College Application

STEP 1

Add Application

STEP 2

Request Transcript

Which college are you applying to?

Western Washington University



Colleges already in your application list would be unavailable for selection.

App type

Regular Decision



I'll submit my application

Direct to the institution



☒ I've submitted my application

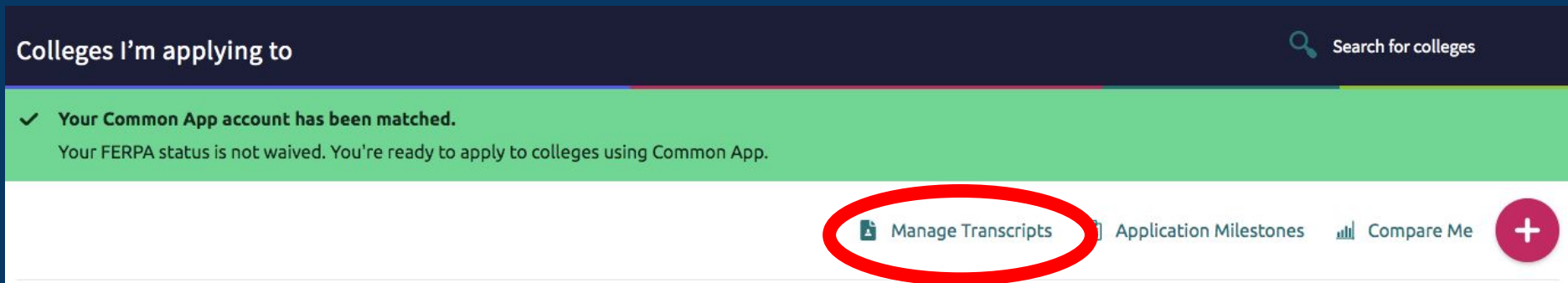
Add Application

ADD AND REQUEST TRANSCRIPT

Requesting a Transcript



If you've already added colleges to your list, you can select manage transcripts to update any requests.



Please add all of your schools to Naviance, regardless if you are applying through Common App, Coalition, or directly through the college website.

High School & Beyond Plan: (grad requirement)



- Educational Goal
- Build or Update Resume
- Scholarship Search
- Edit My 4-year Plan
- HSBP Grad Track Survey

**Are you not sure of your post grad plan yet,
explore in Naviance!**

High School and Beyond Plan



English Give feedback No new messages Switch Grade: Demo Close Demo

Naviance | Student

Home Courses Colleges Careers About Me My Planner

Welcome, Demo Churchill!

Search for Colleges

Type a college name

MY PLANNER
Overview

Goals

To-dos

Tasks

Click "Tasks"

All tasks assigned to you are required to graduate!

HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND PLAN MUST BE COMPLETED

JANUARY 31ST



It's Never too Early to Start Searching for Scholarships!

In addition to Financial Aid packages, there are other ways to pay for college.

There are a variety of scholarships out there and we encourage you to start exploring all of the scholarship possibilities!



Where can I search for scholarships?

- \$\$ Scholarship Foundation of Northshore**
- \$\$ Washboard.org**
- \$\$ Fastweb.com**
- \$\$ Naviance**
- \$\$ Bigfuture.collegeboard.org**
- \$\$ Scholarships.com**
- \$\$ Goingmerry.com**
- \$\$ School specific scholarships- (check out college websites)**

We highly recommend starting an excel spreadsheet to help you keep track of scholarship expectations and deadlines.



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

OPEN NOW!

The 2020-2021 FAFSA is available on OCTOBER 1
<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

- Must have an FSA ID before starting your FAFSA
<https://fsaid.ed.gov>
- All students should apply
- First-come, first-serve financial aid at colleges

Join the [Financial Aid Webinar](#) on
Thursday, October 8th at 7 PM



Other things to know:

- Class ranking will be available after October 15th
- WHS uses a “non-weighted” GPA
- Check out the WHS Counseling website for information on [virtual college visits](#) and [virtual college fairs](#).



Thanks for coming!

Questions?

Reach out to your counselor for support
We are here to help you!